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1. U.S.G. PROGRAM FOR ADMISSION OF BOAT CASEREFUGEES OPERATES IN COUNTRIES ON PERIPHERY OF SOUTH CHINA SEA IN COUNTRIES PROVIDING TEMPORARY ASYLUM. PROGRAM IS VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIMITED IN SIZE: FOR PERIOD FROM INCEPTION IN MARCH THROUGH JUNE, ONLY 400 PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS UNDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY (P-7) PROVISIONS OF INA, PLUS NON-PREFERENCE VISAS FOR A FEW SPOUSES AND MINOR CHILDREN WHO HAD EARLY ENOUGH PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE. BECAUSE NO NPVS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS, 900 P-7 VISAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOAT CASE HEADS OF FAMILY AND DEPENDENTS. REFUGEES WHO

HAVE PERMANENT ASYLUM IN ANY COUNTRY WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY DESIRE TO ENTER THE U.S. AND APPARENTLY WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED IF STILL IN FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRY. (CATEGORIES I, II, AND III AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL E ESSENTIALLY ARE QUALIFIED FOR BOAT CASE PROGRAM)

THIS POLICY CONTRIBUTES TO UNHCR'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF PROVIDING GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFUGEES, AND SHORES-UP SOMEWHAT THE SHAKY TEMPORARY ASYLUM PRACTICES OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. HUMANITARIAN EXCEPTION IS MADE FOR SPOUSES AND MINOR CHILDREN OF HEAD OF FAMILY ALREADY IN U.S.

2. POLICY HAS BEEN EXPLAINED BY DEPT. REFUGEE OFFICER TO ISRAELI EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON 24 JUNE 77, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED ITS POINT AND REAFFIRMED GOI POSITION THAT YUVALI REFUGEES COULD REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN ISRAEL. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY AMONG THEM FOR WHOM POST RECOMMENDS HUMANITARIAN EXCEPTION TO POLICY, DEPT CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT CLOSED. NORMAL IMMIGRATION WILL BE ONLY MEANS FOR ANY DESIRING TO ENTER THE U.S. TO DO SO, IF AND WHEN THEY CAN QUALIFY FOR VISAS IN ISRAEL. REFUGEES OF COURSE ARE FREE TO APPEAL TO UNHCR TO ASSIST IN SECURING ACCEPTANCES BY COUNTRIES OTHERS THAN THE U.S., OR APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSIES IN ISRAEL OF COUNTRIES OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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